DEFERRED DUEL.

We were all officers of the line stationed in a small town. In our circle there was one Prussian, a man of about 35 years old, and of serious, almost gloomy, habits. He had distinguished himself as an officer of the Tenth humars, and no one could imagine why he had left that regiment to live in a wretched ittle place where life was so monotonous. His principal occupation was pistol shooting, and the walls of his room was pistol shooting, and the walls of his room was pistol shooting, and the walls of his room was pistol shooting, and the walls of his room was pistol shooting, and the walls of his room was pistol shooting, and the walls of his room was pistol shooting, and the walls of his room was pistol shooting, and the walls of his room was pistol shooting, and the walls of his room was pistol shooting, and the walls of his room was pistol shooting. The count is a count of the count of the count is the shouldn't have held, and the suitject of it was "Wilder Durant's Hamnah."

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His principal occupation was pistol shooting, and the walls of his room were literally honeycombed with bullet holes. Duels were often the theme of our conversation, well?"

Are you a good shot?"

"Middling: with a pistol I am used to I can hit a card at thirty paces."

"Pretty good," said the counters; then, in bank; and lastily and most overwhelming to her husband: "Could you do as the could trace his ancestors away back into the misty shades of the seventeenth century well."

to speak a few parting words. You may and travel-stained, leaning on the mantel-have observed that I care little for public piece. I stood for a moment gazing at him. on, but I like you, and would regret

silent.

"You have thought it strange I did not exact satisfaction from that drunken idiot who insulted me at cards. Having the choice of weapons, his life was in my hands, and mine in comparative security. I might attribute my behavior to grandeur of soul, but disdain to lie; could I have punished him without risking my life, he would not have escaped."

I raised my eyes to Sylvio in horror; such a confession repelled me.

"Yes, that is the truth," he continued. "I had no right to risk my life. Six years ago I had no righ

swered, at the same time taking up a soldier's cap and placing it upon his head. I noticed a small round hole just above his forehead. "I served in the Tenth hussars. You know me, and perhaps have seen that I used to be first in everything. In my worth it was to see the served in the term of the served in the term of the served in the term of the served in our first in everything. In my worth it was to see that I used to be first in everything. In my worth it was to see that I used to be first in everything. In my worth it was to see that I used to be first in everything a server of the server of

the very cap my ball had pierced in our first in everything. In my youth it was to me an absolute necessity that it should be so. In my day it was fashionable to be fast; I was the wildest youngster in the regiment—in the army, I might say. Hard drinkers were much applauded. I could out-drink the famous Dobroski, whose provess in that line was celebrated. In our regiment duels were of more than daily occurrence, and in each one I was either principal or second. My brother officers worshiped me, and my superiors let me alone as an incurable case.

"I was enjoying my laurels when a young man, rich and of illustrious lineage—permit me to withhold his name—joined us. Never had I met a more gifted man—young, tallented, handsome, gay to excess, brave as a lion, of unbounded wealth—all these advantages were his besides his great name. You can well imagine the place he at once took among us. My sway was over. He at first sought my friendship, but was repulsed and drew back with indifference. I hated him his popularity filled me with rage. I tried to draw him into a quarrel, but his answers to all my sarcastic speeches were so much witter than mine that my rage and jealousy grew apace, for I felt his superiority. At length, one night at a ball seeing him courted by all, and specially by a young lady I greatly admired, I approached him and whispered a bitter insult in his ear. This was too much, and, losing his temper, he struck me full in the form, and, losing his temper, he struck me full in the form, and, losing his temper, he struck me full in the form, and losing his temper, he struck me full in the form, and losing his temper, he struck me full in the form, and losing his temper, he struck me full in the form, and losing his temper, he struck me full in the form, and losing his temper, he struck me full in the form, and losing his temper, he struck me full in the form, and he had he h bitter insult in his ear. This was too much,

and, losing his temper, he struck me full in the face. We drew our swords, the ladies fainted; and aithough bloodshed was pre-vented on the spot, a duel was arranged for that very night.

"At daybreak I was at the appointed place with two seconds, awaiting my rival with much impatience. It had been a sultry night, and the sun, just rising, was oppressively hot. In a few moments I saw him coming leisurely toward me, on foot and with only one second. I advanced and saw he held his cap, which was full of cherries, in his hand. I had the right to shoot first, but my pulse beat so that I could not be sure of my aim, and therefore insisted that he should shoot first. He refused. We then agreed to draw lots. Fortune favored her darling. He shot and the bullet pierced my cap.

"It was my turn now—at last his life was in my hands. I looked eagerly at him, try—in my hands in the dreariest, down by the sea; being such whith a look with with eyear, Jan—in the wretched man seemed an avenging angel, with wide, dark eyes full of reproach. "Where is my John: "Where is my John: "Where is my John: freeting the winter, but he wretched man seemed an avenging angel, with wide deluges of rain, alternated by snow squalls and bitter, freeting to him the wretched loughest freeting the winter who has been swith high gales and deluges of r

present, or at any time, I am at your service.

this little town, where revenge has been my daily thought. The time has come."

Solvio banded me the letter habed received to be on the map.

Many years after, business made it imperative for me to settle in the little town of Staroduv. Within four miles of my house lay a fine property belonging to the Countess Bercheneff. No one but the overseer lived there—the countess had spent only the first month of her marriage on her beautiful estate. About two years after my coming to Staroduv, it was rumored that the countess and her husband would come to spend the summer at the their beautiful country-seat. In fact, they arrived at the beginning of June, and, as was to be expected, their advent caused quite a commotion in our little town. For my part, the coming of such charming neighbors made quite a change in my life. I was especially anxious to meet the countess, and, accordingly, the first Sunday after their arrival I called to present my respects, as being their nearrest neighbor. I was shown into the count's private sitting-room, which was maturisantly furnished-books, bronzes, rugs, brice-brace, an immense mirror over the mantelpiece, etc. It such as the second speaker, with dignity. "El Tim'thy first find on the second speaker, with dignity. "El Tim'thy middent for a fire a frize a few words, let him get the repair of en sich a sturm jee fer a few words, let him go, set I! Wot's sed en joke sh'd be took en town the first and nothing. He had proven in fact, they arrived at the beginning of June, and, as was to be expected, their advent caused quite a commotion in our little town. For my part, the coming of such charming neighbors made quite a change in bringing down the parental vials of wrath to no purpose.

Most of the Stormhaven residents considered "Krell's John" as rather weakminded in giving way to his father's oddities as be did; fortbearance and submission being nothing shown into the count's private sitting-books, bronzes, rugs, brice-brace, an immense mirror over the mantelpiece, etc. It such a thing, and surely a man of no spirit is

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hair stood on end.
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had no right to risk my life. Six years ago I received a blow, and the man who struck me still lives."

My curiosity was quickly excited. "You did not fight!" I asked.

"We fought, and here is the proof," he and the man time to him the habit of shooting at a defense less man; that would be more like a murder than a duel. We will draw lots again, and you from the door for your pains!" see who is to shoot first."

"To Krell's!" The widow rose to her feet with astonishment. "Why, Hannah, where is your self-respect! Going to those that have scorned you in every way; they'll turn you from the door for your pains!" see who is to shoot first."

"I am group nevertheless" persisted the

Sylvio: 'Come, sir, enough of this. Will you hoot—yes or no?'

KRELL'S JOHN.

room, which was mxuriantly furnished-books, bronzes, rugs, brice-a-brac, an immers of the mantelpiece, etc. It was so long since I had seen any finery of the kind that a strange shyness came over me, and I awaited my host's entrance with feelings akin to the trepidation of an officerseker.

At 24 one should have a band-saw. The swift succession of blows will of his own, if he ever expected to possess such a thing, and surely a man of no spirit is a poor creature. But Krell's John persisted on his tranquil way, heedless of criticism or advice. He had a very great reverence for the fifth commandment, and a still greater horror of family disturbances.

Miss Diffident—Aunty, you don't understanding a band-saw. The swift succession of blows from the ridges of the cord delivered along a narrow line disintegrates the stone rapidly—advice. He had a very great reverence for the fifth commandment, and a still greater horror of family disturbances.

-night if wind and water can bring me," be said, lightly, and turned away to his disay "You do not know me, count? he asked.
"Sylvio." I exclaimed, and confess that my

"it's a fool trip," growled Dan'l the stout, to Steve the tall, as the frail little craft went racking over the boisterous waves. "I give a

The women gazed at one another with pale cheeks. What might it mean, this solitary man. Where was his son?"

And yet his wife dared not break the dre

"It was my turn now—at last his life was in my hands. I looked eagerly at him, trying to find the slightest sign of fear. He was quietly awaiting my shot, eating his cherries, the pits of which he threw at my feet. It was exasperating. "What is the use," thought I, 'of taking a life so little valued." A devilish thought struck me. Dropping my hand, I said:

"Since you are breakfasting so calmly, you are scarcely prepared to die. Allow me to wait until you have finished your cherries."

"Do not distress yourself sir, I pray," he answered. "You have one shot at me. At present, or at any time, I am at your serv-iden of the months of the compass, and the streets in turn followed the erratic example of the dwellings; which, though undoubted any time, I am at your serv-iden of beauty. In fact, on the streets in turn followed. In fact, on the safety, the decariest month, so Stormhaven was the dreariest place in the blackness and tunuit.

All that terrible night, while the wind howled and the water roared, the old man paced up and down his chamber, the noise of his footsteps sounding now loud, now low. In the room beneath, with pitying neighbors try-ing to soothe her, his wife mourned her only son; while out in the blackness and tunuit.

Shaken by the gales and lashed by the waves, it bore a foriorn aspect of fright, as not knowing in which quarter to look for safety. The houses, built for protection from the vind, faced all points of the compass, and the streets in turn followed the erratic example of the deal, with pitying neighbors try-ing to soothe her, his wife mourned her only son; while out in the blackness and tunuit.

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surveyor's idea of beauty. In fact, on the mildest summer day, Stormhaven was not instructed to my seconds, saving: I will not be to day.

"I turned to my seconds, saving: I will not be to day."

"The duel was over.

"I asked for leave of absence, and came to be this little town, where revenge has been my best little town the mean perform the nearly town the mean perform the little town the mean perform the little town the mean perform the little town the me Galvanized Iron Cornice Work!

stating thought. The time has come."

Sylvio handed me the letter he had receive that day. Some one—an agent, I believes wrote to say that that the "individual in question was about to marry a beautiful youngit!"

"You know," continued Sylvio, "who is the individual in question was about to marry a beautiful youngit!"

"You know," continued Sylvio, "who is the individual almost to. Well, I go to Moscov to night, and we will see if to-morrow or the day after he will be as indifferent to death a them or night he will be as indifferent to death a fourth and youngest concealed his brow, and the morning he was eating cherries."

Sylvio stood up, and pared up and down the from the first the continuing passons held in as breast.

In a moment the servant entered to say the horses were ready. Sylvio grasped my hand, we embraced, and, hurriedly setting a traveling-hag and brace of pistols, which proved his only baggage, he sprang quickly into the carriage and was gone.

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